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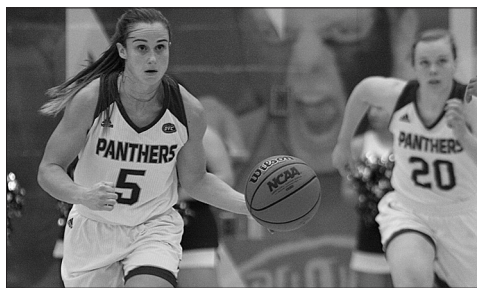
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## WHO IS...?

Students learn more about African-American Heritage Month with Black Jeopardy.

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The Eastern women's basketball team continues the season without its leading point guard, Grace Lennox.

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## A reason to 'celebrate'

### Arts Festival returns after 2-year absence

By Brooke Schwartz

Administration Reporter | @brookesch\_wartz

After being canceled in 2016 and 2017, Celebration, an arts festival, returns this spring.

Anita Shelton, the interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said Tuesday at a Faculty Senate meeting the festival is a tradition at Eastern that was originally cut in 2016 because of low staffing.

"...It's been great to hear how many people are getting excited for (the festival)."

-Dan Crews, the interim director of programming, publicity and promotions for Doudna

Celebration is slated for April 20, 21 and 22 and will include many local artists, musicians and food vendors.

Dan Crews, the interim director of programming, publicity and promotions for the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said Celebration started in 1977 and has been a part of Eastern's culture since, minus the past two years.

"When Celebration was canceled two years ago, we heard a lot about it," Crews said. "A lot of people really missed it, and once we announced last year that Celebration was coming back, it's been a little

overwhelming, and it's been great to hear how many people are getting excited for (the festival)."

Crews said Celebration is a great way to showcase Eastern's faculty, students and campus.

The festival is not entirely planned as of yet, but some musical acts currently set to perform include Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band, Red Ransom and a ukulele program. Over 40 artists will sell their handcrafted products at the festival as well.

Celebration has brought over a quarter of a million visitors to Eastern's campus since it started in 1977, Crews said.

Shelton said this festival is the perfect way to celebrate Eastern's upward trend and Doudna's 10-year anniversary.

Though the Doudna Fine Arts Center does not have the budget to spend on big parties for the anniversary, Shelton said Celebration can take the place of that.

"I think it's consistent with our marketing campaign (and) with the message the president is trying to put out (that) EIU is back; we're on the upswing," Shelton said. "We do have things to celebrate. We're dynamic, (and) we're having fun."

The Faculty Senate also discussed the naming committee, which senate chair Jemmie Robertson is a part of, and its specific charge.

Robertson said the debate over whether or not to rename Douglas Hall is only one specific proposal the committee was asked to look at.

The naming committee is also charged with looking over the senate's request for funding either an annual workshop or discussion with themes centered around inclusion.

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Anita Shelton, the interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, speaks with members of the Faculty Senate Tuesday at Booth Library. She announced that the arts festival called Celebration will be held again this spring.

## City Council approves TIF funding for Fili's Station

By Andrew Paisley

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The Charleston City Council approved \$6,705 in tax increment financing to the owners of Fili's Station at 611-613 Monroe Ave. for the purpose of providing renovations to the building.

"Fili's has been around Charleston for many years," said Mayor Brandon Combs. "We just feel that this is the best solution for them and a good use of our TIF funding."

Combs said the \$6,705 in funding will only cover at least half of the total costs in renovations. The rest of the costs will be covered by money from the city.

"Several renovations need to be made at this business, in particular a new awning being constructed," Combs said. "Fili's is a popular business for local residents of Charleston, and we want to keep them happy and make sure the building is well kept."

The city council also approved an ordinance

that will establish regulations as part of the Charleston City Code for governing commercial solar energy gardening systems.

Companies with solar energy gardening systems, such as Cyprus Creek Renewables and Geronimo Energy, want to set up shop in the area.

The council approved the motion of allowing the companies to use two to 25 acres total for the solar energy gardens, with ten of these being conditional use for the resale of energy.

Council member Dennis Malak said the main purpose of approving the zoning is to make sure Charleston residents stay healthy and are not exposed to fumes and chemicals that come from the solar energy gardens.

"The best way to ensure this is to establish zoning for the gardens, which will keep them in a separate place from residences and keep people from being exposed," Malak said.

The city council also approved the renewal of an extension of a mowing contract with Scotty's

Lawn Care Inc., in Casey.

"There are few contractors in Charleston that are able to handle the multiple responsibilities the way that Scotty's can," Combs said.

Another extension approved by the city was an agreement with ABM Farms.

This extension involves a farm lease of 13.9 acres. The property from ABM is cash-rented at \$150 per acre. This will include \$200,000 in revenue per year.

A three-year lease agreement between the city and the Special Olympics of Coles County was approved at a cost of \$2,408.52.

During the meeting, Combs appointed Marissa Grant to a three-year term on the Charleston Tree Council, Brendan Lynch to a three-year term on the Fire and Police Board of Commissioners and reappointed Bob Olson to a four-year term on the electrical commission.

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### Key Points:

- City Council approved \$6,705 in tax increment financing to the owners of Fili's Station
- The funding will only cover at least half of the total costs for renovations for Fili's Station
- City Council approved an ordinance establishing regulations as part of the city code for governing commercial solar energy gardening systems.
- Mowing contract with Scotty's Lawn Care Inc. was renewed




Local weather

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Low: 28°

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Trump aide: Some immigrants ‘too lazy’ to sign up for DACA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some immigrants may have been “too afraid” or “too lazy” to sign up for the Obama-era program that offers protection from deportation, White House chief of staff John Kelly said Tuesday as he defended President Donald Trump’s proposal on the divisive issue.

Kelly discounted the possibility that Trump would announce a temporary extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program beyond March 5, when its protections could expire. He said the administration would not ask Congress to set a later date to give bargainers more time to reach a bipartisan deal, but said the government would not start deporting “Dreamers” who don’t have criminal records.

Kelly said Trump’s recent offer to provide a path to citizenship for up to 1.8 million immigrants went “beyond what anyone could have imagined.” A bipartisan offer by six senators that Trump rejected would have made citizenship possible for the 690,000 “Dreamers” registered under the program, nicknamed DACA, which shields immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and stayed here illegally.

Immigration experts cite various reasons why people eligible for DACA’s protections do not apply. These include lack of knowledge about the program, a worry that participating will expose them to deportation and an inability to afford registration fees.

Trump said last September that he was ending DACA but gave lawmakers until March 5 to pass legislation shielding the Dreamers. A federal judge has indefinitely blocked Trump from terminating the program’s protections, blunting the deadline’s immediate impact.

Many lawmakers are uneasy about what might happen to the Dreamers after March 5, and Democrats — and Trump himself — are using that uncertainty as leverage to help force a deal.

Kelly rejected the idea of asking lawmakers to extend the deadline, saying, “What makes them act is pres-

Drug misuse in nursing homes

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. nursing homes have significantly reduced the use of powerful antipsychotic drugs among their elderly residents, responding to pressure from many directions. Yet advocacy groups insist that overmedication remains a major problem, and want the pressure to intensify.

Decreases were reported in all 50 states, with the biggest in Tennessee, California and Arkansas.

Advocacy groups say even the lower rate of antipsychotic usage is excessive, given federal warnings that elderly people with dementia face a higher risk of death when treated with such drugs.

“Antipsychotic drugs alter consciousness and can adversely affect an individual’s ability to interact with others,” the new report says. “They can also make it easier for understaffed facilities, with direct care workers inadequately trained in dementia care, to manage the people who live there.”

The report also says that nursing homes, in violation of government regulations, often administer antipsychotic drugs without obtaining consent from residents or the relatives who represent them.

The biggest challenge is to change a mind-set among some nursing home staff and some residents’ families that behavior arising from dementia is “abnormal” and warrants the use of antipsychotics.

Earthquake in Taiwan, kills 2

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A strong earthquake damaged buildings and buckled roads near Taiwan’s eastern coast, killing two people and injuring more than 200.

A hotel employee died in Hualien county when the ground floor caved in at the Marshal Hotel, and another person died in a residential building, the national fire and rescue service reported.

A maintenance worker who was rescued after being trapped in the hotel’s basement said the force of the earthquake was unusual.

“At first it wasn’t that big ... we get this sort of thing all the time and it’s really nothing. But then it got really terrifying,” Chen Minghui said after he was reunited with his son and grandson. “It was really scary.”

Other buildings shifted on their foundations due to the magnitude-6.4 quake late Tuesday and rescuers used ladders, ropes and cranes to get residents to safety.

Taiwanese media reported that a separate hotel known as the Beautiful Life Hotel was tilting. The agency also posted photos showing a road fractured in several parts.

Bridges and some highways were closed pending inspections after buckling due to the force of the quake.

With aftershocks continuing through the night, residents were being directed to shelters, including a newly built baseball stadium, where beds and hot food were provided.

Speaking from a crisis center in Taipei, Cabinet spokesman Hsu Kuo-yung said rail links appeared to be unaffected and the runway of Hualien airport was intact.

“We’re putting a priority on Hualien people being able to return home to check on their loved ones,” Hsu said. The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude-6.4 quake struck just before midnight Tuesday about 21 kilometers (13 miles) northeast of Hualien at a relatively shallow depth of about 10.6 kilometers (6.6 miles).

Taiwan has frequent earthquakes due to its position along the “Ring of Fire,” the seismic faults encircling the Pacific Ocean where most of the world’s earthquakes occur.

Exactly two years earlier, a magnitude-6.4 quake collapsed an apartment complex in southern Taiwan, causing the deaths of 115 people. Five people involved in the construction of the complex were later found guilty of negligence and given prison sentences.

A magnitude-7.6 quake in central Taiwan killed more than 2,300 people in 1999.

Sue on the move at Field Museum

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago’s Field Museum began dismantling the skeleton named Sue on Monday. Crews are preparing to move the display to a new exhibit and bring in a cast of an even larger dinosaur.

Sue has been in the spacious Stanley Field Hall since 2000. Sue’s handler, Bill Simpson, says that despite being the largest T. rex ever found, Sue looks puny beneath the 70-foot-high (21-meter-high) ceiling in the museum’s main hall. Simpson says Sue will appear in a new exhibition space in 2019, where it’ll look better.

Sue is making way for a cast of a titanosaur, a plant-eating dinosaur that’s three times the length of the T. rex.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

'Designs of Duty' Exhibit | All Day | Booth Library

Ultimate Conditioning | 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM | Student Rec Center

Yoga Flow | 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM | Student Rec Center

Thesis Research 101: Researching Literature | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | 4450 Booth

EIU Writing Center Workshop | 4:30 PM | 3110 Coleman Hall

Our consultants will facilitate a workshop on "APA: In-Text Citations.

HIIT | 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM | Student Rec Center

How Not to be Young, Dumb, and Broke | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | 1205 Physical Science

TRX + Core | 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM | Student Rec Center





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Deearia Watkins (top), a junior family and consumer sciences major, and Justice McGruder (bottom), a senior psychology major, laugh with each other at “Black Jeopardy” Tuesday night in Coleman Hall.

# Students play Black Jeopardy

By Olivia Swenson-Hultz  
Copy Editor | The Daily Eastern News

Teams picked from a variety of categories, including “African-American Firsts,” “Quotes,” “African-American Government” and “The Civil Rights Movement” to compete at Black Jeopardy Tuesday night.

The Black Student Union organized the game, which featured two teams.

Deearia Watkins, a junior family and consumer sciences major and the treasurer of the Black Student Union picked out the questions that were asked at the Jeopardy game.

“These questions are the stepping stones of black history,” she said.

Questions included ones on when Africans were first brought to America to work as slaves, and court cases such as Plessy vs. Ferguson.

When “Which African-American was elected the president of the U.S in 2008?” was asked, the crowd burst into laughter.

Some questions were more challenging to the audience, such as who the first African-American to serve as secretary of state was.

Participants were also asked to identify



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Kaleb Williams, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, Elijah Weathers, a senior Africana studies major and Deearia Watkins, a junior family and consumer sciences major, laugh with each other at “Black Jeopardy” Tuesday night.

which prominent African-American person said famous quotes such as “I don’t want a Black History Month. Black History is American History,” which was said by actor Morgan Freeman.

An improv round was held after the initial trivia session to give latecomers the opportunity to participate.

“Black people weren’t always appreciat-

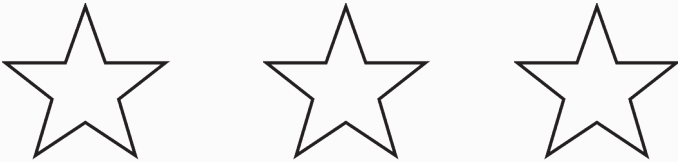
ed. Questions like this address that we’ve come a long way, and will show people what we’ve went through,” said Claude Abdoulaye-Pedila, a junior psychology major and the secretary of the Black Student Union.

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# Early Voting Information

General primary election: March 20

TIME	LOCATION
Feb. 8 to March 19 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 9 a.m. to noon	Coles County Clerk’s Office 651 Jackson Ave., room 122 Charleston
Feb. 8 to March 19 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 9 a.m. to noon	Mattoon City Clerk’s Office 298 N. 19th St., second floor Mattoon
Feb. 8 to March 19 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 17 9 a.m. to noon	Eastern’s Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bridge Lounge Charleston



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Snacks have a gender?

Sometimes it seems like society is making attempts in one way or another to dig itself out of a hole filled with stereotypes and misunderstandings.

Other days, society finds itself treading in the wake of these things — or even worse, sinking a few feet back into them.

Doritos, an iconic snack with iconic Super Bowl commercials, recently did this with some controversial remarks made by its chief executive, Indra Nooyi, who insinuated the company was creating a new kind of chip for women.

Nooyi was quoted in an article from CNBC saying that “women prefer chips that don’t make too much noise when eaten or leave them with sticky fingers.”

To cater to women and their preferences, the goal for the “lady Doritos” was to make them less crunchy and leave less residue on women’s hands while still maintaining full flavor and their femininity.

Although Forbes said Pepsi has since denied that it is manufacturing female-oriented Doritos, these gendered ideas still stand.

With Nooyi’s comments, Doritos is separating women from the rest of society and putting

them in a box—or rather, a bag filled with nitrogen air.

And in this bag, women are returned to the labels society branded them with a long time ago — labels that many voices have worked hard to eliminate.

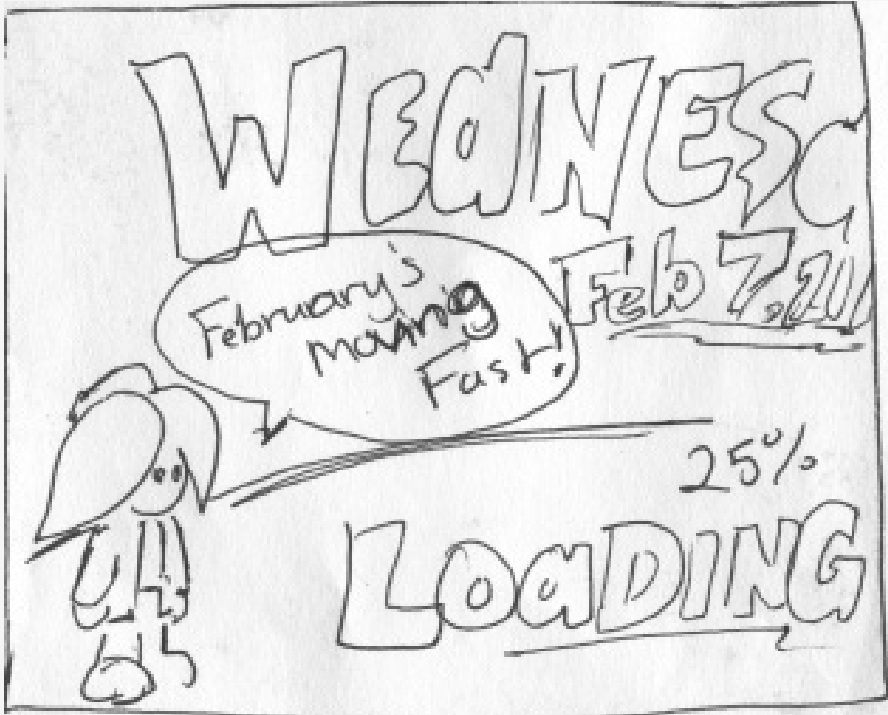
Of course, some products are going to be geared toward a certain audience. That is not only the nature of advertising, but also the nature of human beings. We all have different needs and depend on different products to fulfill them.

However, we at *The Daily Eastern News* do not categorize Doritos and other snacks as products with that level of specificity. Many of us at *The Daily Eastern News* enjoy Doritos, and we do not intend on boycotting the brand or insisting that readers join forces and storm PepsiCo with torches and cheesy fingers.

We do, however, intend to send a message, and that message is that women do not need to be categorized and generalized, and snacks do not have a gender.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Time flies



JALEN MASSIE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Free speech should not have to be ‘approved’ first

To Eastern Illinois University, and more specifically, the Campus Scheduling Office:

Why must we get fliers or posters approved to be hung up around our public university in public spaces? This is public property, and this rule infringes on our First Amendment rights.

For readers who did not know this, take a look: <http://www.eiu.edu/union/posting.php>.

Why do our thoughts, opinions, fundraiser information and more go through a system to get approval to be placed on a public bulletin board? This sounds a bit unconstitutional to me, probably because it is.

What flipped the switch for me to write this was a discussion in my Communication Law class. We were discussing places you could freely express speech. A lot of the discussion focused on places around campus, like the Doudna Steps outside Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Whether it is vocal or written speech, the Doudna Steps have been deemed a traditional public forum, as they have been used for the purpose of free speech and are a known location to practice First Amend-

ment rights.

As mentioned by my professor, in 2013 a message reading “MY RAPIST STILL GOES HERE ... WILL SOMEONE PLEASE LISTEN TO ME?” was removed after Dan Nadler, the former vice president of student affairs, deemed it to be “trashy.” A link to a story about the incident can be found here: [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/julia-kacmarek/eastern-illinois-universi\\_b\\_2963758.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/julia-kacmarek/eastern-illinois-universi_b_2963758.html).

This is also unconstitutional. Nadler and other administrators did not have the right to pick and choose what went on this public forum.

This same instance is happening around the entire university: messages people want to post around campus go through a filter. If their message gets approved, then it can be hung up. What if it is not approved? That is not fair.

You cannot filter content and only choose what you think is OK to be seen. You cannot tell one person their flier or poster is deemed more appropriate than someone else’s just because you do not like what is on it.



Kennedy Nolen

As a student who has been at Eastern since January of 2014, who has paid thousands to the university and will repay an ungodly amount back throughout the next 10 or more years, I think I am legally allowed to post whatever I want on a public bulletin board or wall without it needing to be approved.

I also believe anyone can join me and do the same.

Those in charge cannot and should not pick and choose what can be seen on campus.

I thought college campuses were places where ideas were meant to be shared. In fact, professors encourage the exchange of thoughts and ideas in the classroom. If this is the case, why do we need our speech on paper approved by someone who may oppose it?

If Brother Jed can come to campus multiple times a year, call me a whore and even tell me “you will never find a husband,” then I think I can hang up my own ideas around campus. It is public space.

Make a change. If you are with me, sign my petition that you access if you go here: [https://www.change.org/p/eastern-illinois-university-allow-fliers-to-be-hung-at-eiu-without-administration-approval?recruiter=775304518&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=share\\_twitter\\_responsive](https://www.change.org/p/eastern-illinois-university-allow-fliers-to-be-hung-at-eiu-without-administration-approval?recruiter=775304518&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive).

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Justice machine is broken; please come back later

The American justice system has often been criticized for its many shortcomings, and they are many.

In the international community, the one that does not include oppressive regimes, we have been taken to task for the way we treat our minority communities (for the last two centuries, we just cannot seem to get past a certain way of viewing our neighbors); as well as, how we police, prosecute and incarcerate our citizens.

Even some of the dictatorships like to point at us whenever we get too self-righteous, reminding us that whenever we have lethal drug shortages, we try to speed up executions before the current stock expires, not to mention our ongoing practice of solitary confinement.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Let us back up.

The primary problems with the justice system, the reasons it is a broken system, are many. Let us break it down.

The first issue is police practices. I have expressed before my distaste for paramilitary organizations masquerading as law enforcement. There was the Boston bombing, where army units went street by street raiding houses while looking for the suspects.

Sorry, slight correction: they were not army units. They were police counter-terror units, but you would be forgiven for mistaking the two based on their weapons, armored transports and house-

breaching tactics.

Then there was Ferguson, where we got to see the full power of the St. Louis riot control divisions, which from a military perspective were awe-inspiring. But we are talking about American citizens here, which some people like to ignore in favor of platitudes about race.

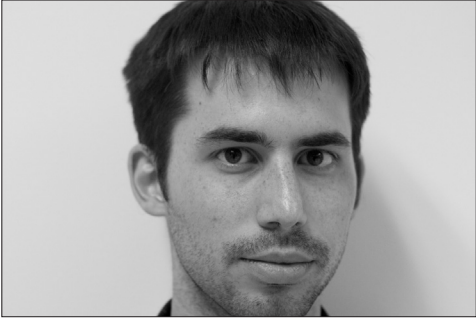
I will say this: go Philadelphia for winning the Super Bowl, but Eagles fans destroyed the city, and you did not see riot-suppression systems on the scale you saw in the town of Ferguson.

What I really want to point out are standard policing practices, which unfairly target at-risk communities and are rarely held accountable for wrongful death, even the in clear-cut criminal negligence situations.

Police practices are overly militarized, are unfairly targeting certain communities and there is no outside accountability, but what comes next?

Well then, you get the court systems. I could go on and on about this, but my educated readers already understand how ridiculously broken the courts are, from local to federal. The main problem is the absurd amount of wrongful convictions we hand out and the fanaticism with which prosecutors pursue convictions, regardless of evidence. But I am moving on in favor of what I really want to talk about: prisons.

Remember me mentioning solitary confine-



Colin Roberts

ment? You might not know this, but humans are social creatures. Because of this, solitary confinement is considered torture in the international community. But boy howdy, do American prisons love locking people up alone in small rooms.

Now I know some readers will scoff. “Lock ‘em up and throw away the key!” And sure, you can think that, but just like people who laugh at waterboarding, I would encourage you to experience solitary confinement for yourself – let us say just three days as opposed to months like in prison – and then you can form an opinion. Keep in mind that one in 25 people on death row are innocent, with an even higher number for non-death row inmates.

You might say, “Well, one innocent dead for twenty-four brought to justice is the price we must

pay,” but again, I would encourage you to talk to the family of the soon-to-be executed and see how they feel about it.

And then there are private prisons. Lord have mercy, nothing points out the problems in America like hearing someone owns stock in a private prison. Do you know how private prisons function? The more prisoners, the more money. Just to fully explain and thus kill the joke for you, private prisons have an incentive to incarcerate, and keep, people in their prisons. You know, to satisfy their shareholders.

And let us quickly run through the easy ones. We have the most incarcerated people in the planet, one of the largest recidivism rates and a job market that punishes those with felonies, which, again, unfairly target at-risk communities.

Full disclaimer: If someone hurt someone I love, I would want the police to shoot them, or the courts to throw the book at them or the warden to lock them up in a small cage until they die. But far too often, America lets passion and feelings dictate our policies instead of justice and mercy. Let us rise above hardened hearts and apathy and address the broken systems that are rotting away this great nation.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Presentations offer students learning opportunities for African-American Heritage Month

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Students can learn financial responsibility as a part of African-American Heritage Month Wednesday.

“How NOT to be Young, Dumb and Broke (Keys to Financial Success)” is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building.

Other upcoming African-American Heritage Month activities include a showing of the movie “The Wiz” at 7 p.m. Friday in Buzzard Auditorium.

On Monday, a presentation called “I Gotta Find a PEACE of Mind: Black and Mental Health” will take place 7 p.m. in the Lumpkin Auditorium.

Next Wednesday, the University Board will host “My Black...Is Beautiful” with poet and artist T. Miller at 7 p.m. in the Phipps Lecture Hall.

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The Student Success Committee, which is looking at student services on campus, will have what is likely its last meeting on Friday, with a report expected sometime soon.

Provost Jay Gatrell said change, whether it comes from the Student Success Committee, the Workgroup Review Committee or anywhere else, needs to come for a reason.

“I do not believe in change for disruption’s sake,” Gatrell said. “If there’s going to be change, it has to resonate with our identity. It has to resonate with who our students are today and where they want to be.”

The Faculty Senate added time to the next meeting to address the recommendations in the Workgroup Review Committee’s report and to ask questions of its authors.

Workgroup Review Committee members looked at, among other things, ways to reorganize colleges and new programs for the university.

Eastern President David Glassman has asked the senate to review the recommendations and relay what comes of their discussions to him so he can better make a decision about which recommendations to start implementing.

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Eastern Provost Jay Gatrell gave his report at the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday. He said he likes the themes that are being focused on in the varying committees on campus, such as student success and an emphasis on health and human services.

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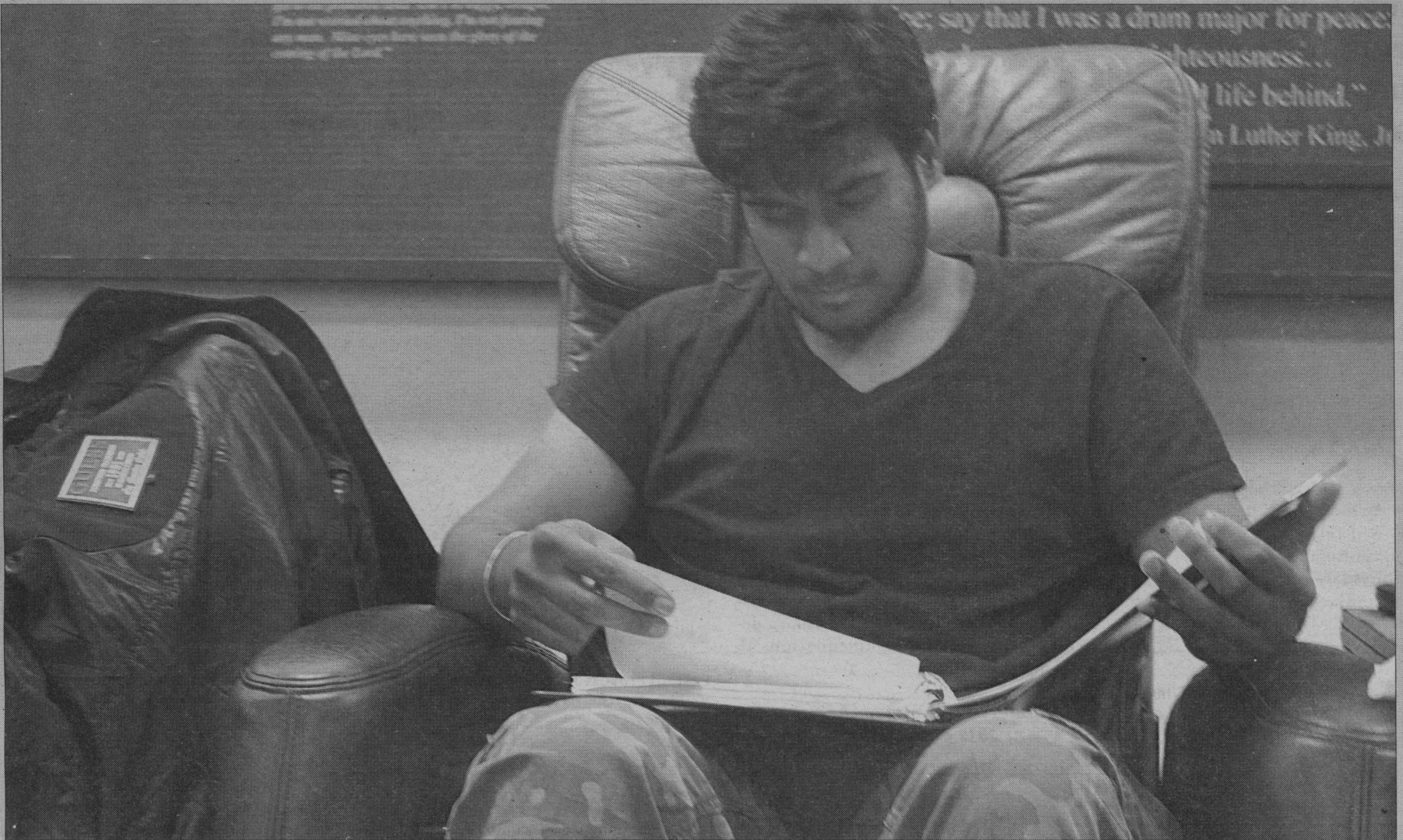
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## Lounging around



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Jaya Chandra, a computer technology graduate student from India, reads in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night. He said he sits in the Bridge Lounge to relax his brain.

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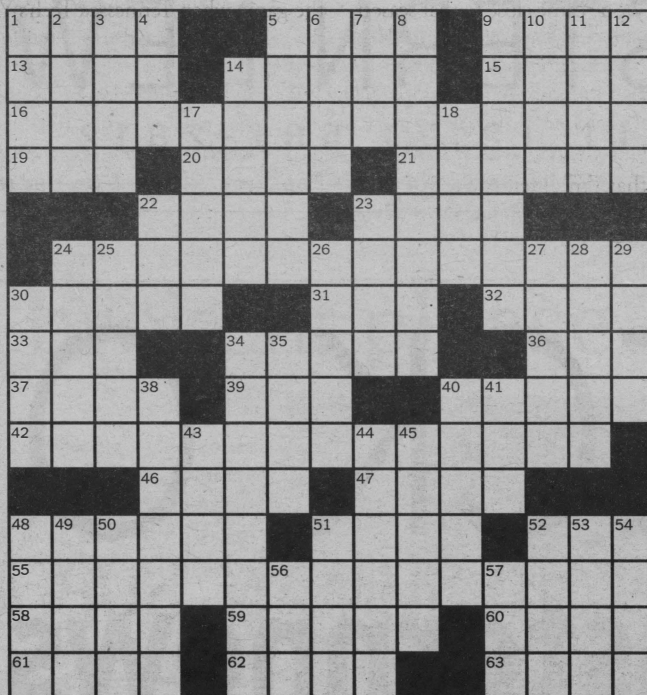
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### ACROSS

- 1 All that \_\_\_\_  
5 Balkan native  
9 Fourth of July centerpiece  
13 Away from the wind  
14 Northern Florida county seat  
15 Mystical glow  
16 "Don't worry about my cheesy chip"  
19 Parking place  
20 Hwys.  
21 Permeate  
22 Follower of a bullet  
23 "Elder" Roman statesman  
24 "We should discuss your Qdoba order"  
30 Like tears or sailors' language  
31 "2001" computer
- 32 Writer Jaffe  
33 Nursery rhyme sailing vessel  
34 In a joyful manner  
36 Forklift unit  
37 Bygone Yankee nickname  
39 Tree with serrated leaves that taper to a point  
40 Hits theaters  
42 "Should we settle this dispute over toppings outside?"  
46 Things some stretchers try to touch  
47 Perfectly  
48 What underwear may do, annoyingly  
51 Swell  
52 Oxymoronic drink from a Big Gulp?
- 55 "That Italian dessert truly boggles the mind"  
58 Machu Picchu locale  
59 Moves like sap  
60 Yen  
61 On its way  
62 18 credits for a semester is a heavy one  
63 HBO series about the politician Selina Meyer

### DOWN

- 1 Pokey  
2 Lead-in to cumulus  
3 Gusto  
4 \_\_\_\_ state  
5 Conceptual framework  
6 Where to be among the Hmong  
7 European summit  
8 Hit or miss, say  
9 Beatles moniker  
10 Humdinger  
11 God depicted in a helmet  
12 League of Legends or World of Warcraft  
14 Large chamber music group  
17 Culturally pretentious  
18 Be \_\_\_\_ something  
22 Cousin \_\_\_\_ of 1960s TV



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- 23 Eyes for Frosty the Snowman  
24 First lady before Michelle  
25 Jostle  
26 Pioneer in space  
27 \_\_\_\_ pole  
28 Ending with two or hole  
29 Lies in the sun  
30 Not fly the coop  
34 Heredity source  
35 "Sad to say ..."
- 38 Kind of bread  
40 Longtime Boston Symphony maestro  
41 Well-practiced, as an answer  
43 What an adjective modifies  
44 "Gave it my best"  
45 Skyrockets  
48 Common sights at pants knees
- 49 Frozen drink  
50 "Shucks!"  
51 Great Pyramid locale  
52 Regal term of address  
53 "Picnic" playwright  
54 Tiny protest  
56 John, in Britain  
57 British term of address

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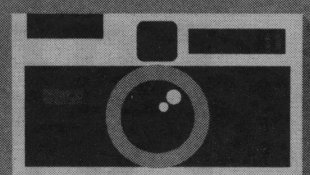
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# Panthers seeking record championship

By Adam Shay  
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The Eastern men’s and women’s swim team have the weekend off before they conclude their season at the Summit League Championship.

Last year at the championship, the Panthers finished their season by setting three new school records: the 100-yard individual medley record for both men and women, and the men’s 200-yard breaststroke. Both swim teams finished last out of seven.

Leading up to the championship, the Panthers have a two-week rest and as of now, they are a little over a week into it. However, the rest does not mean the Panther swimmers have time to relax.

“During the rest, we take down the yardage, and focusing more on speed and spring work,” said junior Nick Harkins.

The Panthers look to improve their rankings from last year, specifically practicing on the little things to keep them on track, junior Martee Grainger said. For this season’s championship, the 200-yard medley and the 400-yard medley stand out to be broken, she said.

“It’s a little bit of a stretch, but definitely a possibility,” Grainger said.

Grainger’s swim concentrations include short distance freestyle, such the 200, 100 and 50-yard freestyle, as well as the 100-yard backstroke. Grainger said she wants to make it in the top 10 for every event she swims with potentially breaking those two relay records.

Panther swimmers on the men’s team also have



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Senior Brandon Robbins swims the men’s 100-yard butterfly Jan. 20 at the Padovan Pool against Valparaiso. Robbins took third in the event with a time of 55.17 seconds. The Panthers are gearing up for the Summit League Championships.

confidence in breaking school records.

“I think we have a good chance of breaking all five relay records, and I hope to be on a few of those,” Harkins said. “Individually, I’m trying to get onto the top 10 all-time list.”

The championship spans across four days from Feb. 14 to Feb. 17. Each day hosts a different event, something the Panther swimmers must adjust to.

“Every day is a different event, which is also a different race strategy, so I need to make sure I stay

focused and take one day at a time,” said junior Caro Lamarque. “My biggest goal is to drop time in my events and as for the team, the goal is for everyone to drop time and have people make finals.”

Swimmers usually focus on specific events and swim styles; however, that has not been the case for Lamarque. Lamarque said this conference will be different for her because she has been changing events throughout the season.

Three of those different events for Lamarque are the 100, 200 and 500-yard freestyle events.

What is different for the women Panthers this year is their team record going into the championship. Compared to last year’s 3-6 record, the women have improved to 4-2 this year, giving the team more confidence.

“Keeping a happy mindset is important,” Grainger said. “The team is at a really good place. We all are nervous, but excited and ready to race.”

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# Smith finds niche on women’s basketball team

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The Eastern women’s basketball team has a rare Wednesday night game this week.

The Panthers take on Southern Illinois – Edwardsville on the road. For a majority of the season, Eastern has had Thursday and Saturday games.

At 1-11 in conference games and last place in the OVC, a trip to the tournament is tough, but it has not stopped from believing they can get back in the win column.

The Panthers have had to rely on a number of different players this season with senior Grace Lennox redshirting as she deals with a knee injury.

Junior forward Jalisha Smith is one of three upperclassmen that have stepped up since the team lost Lennox in December, and Smith has found her place on the team.

Smith said her biggest contribution to her team

has been her ability to pull down rebounds in games.

“On the court, my role has always been to rebound. That’s an area where I give the team the biggest lift, so I work to get as many boards as I can every chance I get,” Smith said.

Smith has the fourth-most rebounds on the team at 94 total. She averages four a game and sees the most action on defensive rebounds as she currently has 56 on the season.

Smith earned a season-high seven rebounds in a game in the Panthers’ 51-67 loss to Eastern Kentucky in early January. She came close to that season high most recently against Jacksonville State when she pulled down five rebounds.

Another important role Smith said she plays on the team is being a leader.

“Being an upperclassmen, to me, just means being a leader. Being that I’m older, my teammates look up to not only me but also Halle (Stull), Car-

men (Tellez) and Grace (Lennox) as well for guidance,” Smith said. “Knowing that, I try my best to be a good role model for my younger teammates.”

She nearly gave the Panthers the push they needed in the team’s most recent game to Tennessee Tech, but the Panthers still came up short, 60-57. She pulled down four rebounds, had two steals and one assist.

Smith gave the Panthers their first lead of the game against the Golden Eagles with a little over a minute remaining in the fourth quarter. This lead change held until the remaining minutes of the game when Tennessee Tech’s Yaktavia Hickson dropped in two free throws, igniting a back-to-back bucket battle between the teams.

Smith said that her team’s greatest struggle this season has been delivering in each quarter equally. She said that there is a hump in each game that the team just cannot get over.

“I think the greatest challenge our team has faced

this season is to play all four quarters. There has always been one quarter where we don’t play quite as well as the others,” Smith explained.

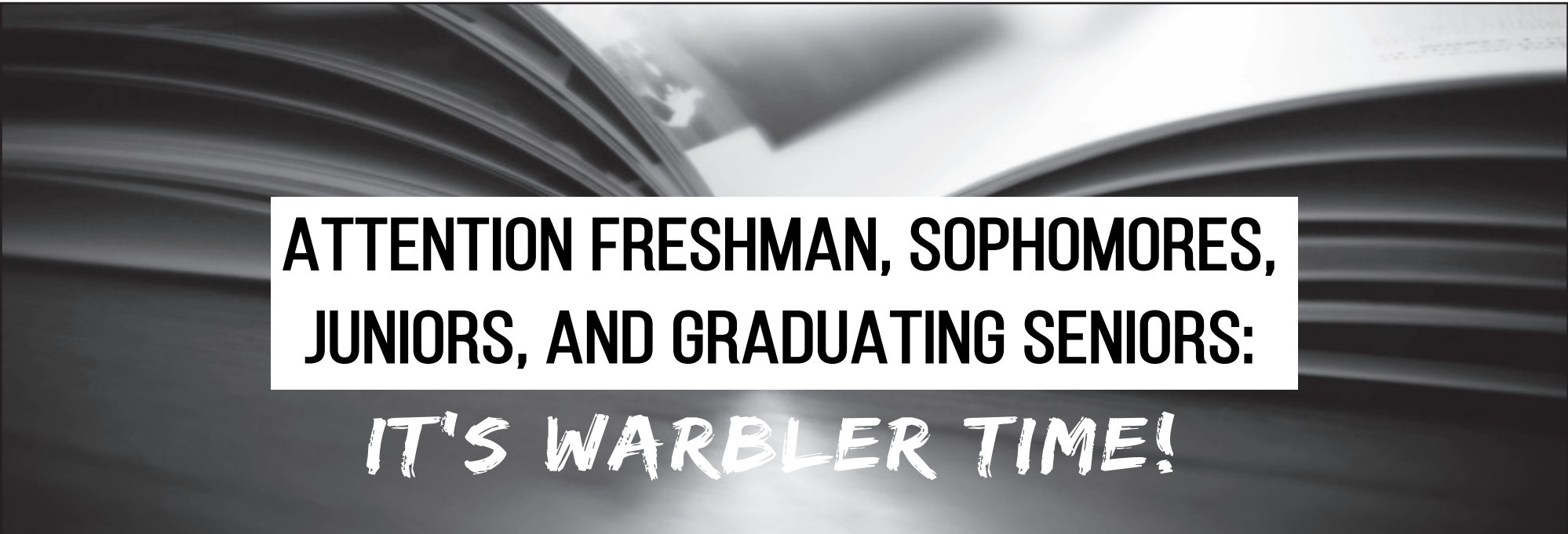
She added that losing Lennox has a lot to do with the team’s struggles as she was the “go to” person when shots were not landing like they should be.

Smith said that it is important that her team keeps up the energy they had before losing Lennox. She said younger players like freshman guard Karle Pace and sophomore guard Danielle Berry have helped to keep that pace alive for the Panthers.

Despite the struggles the team has faced, she said she is determined to see the team get through it together as a unit.

“Everyone has a bit of adjusting to do, but we’re getting through it,” Smith said.

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Senior Grace Lennox brings the ball up the court against Bradley Dec. 5 in Lantz Arena in one of her eight games played this year. Lennox tore her meniscus and decided to redshirt 2017-2018 and return next year.

# A season without Lennox

**Panthers push through season without leader**

**By JJ Bullock**

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Senior point guard Grace Lennox was not supposed to get injured. Players like her do not get injured. But unfortunately for the Panthers, things that are not supposed to happen, find a way of happening and can change the course of an entire season and career.

The definition of an Ironhorse and gym rat, Eastern's seemingly invincible point guard was averaging nearly 40 minutes a game for the Eastern women's basketball team, and was the prototypical protagonist that every good game story needs to be a great one.

But in December, just eight games into the new season, she was injured. Suffering a knee injury that required surgery, knocking her out for the entire season, while leaving Eastern without its most productive scorer and loudest voice on the court. It was a sudden turn of events that would leave even the biggest of optimists at a loss of positive words.

Lennox first noticed her knee bothering her in mid-December, a feeling she described as being a "bit sore."

What Lennox had was a high meniscal tear in her knee. She found out soon after that the injury would require her to have season-ending surgery.

She had been there before, in 2011 she had surgery on the same knee, by the same doctor. This time how-



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Senior Grace Lennox goes for a mid-range pull-up jumper in Eastern's exhibition opener Nov. 3 in Latnz Arena. Lennox will play 2018-2019 as a redshirt senior.

ever the success of the surgery could have had an impact on her future as a pro player, but despite that, she approached it with a positive attitude.

"If I could get my knee taken care of at this point I was hoping to be able to get a redshirt, so I would get another year of basketball back and then have my knee cleaned out," she said.

Because she played in less than 30 percent of the team's games before her injury, she was given the opportunity

to redshirt this season and come back next year, an option she took willingly.

The Tasmania native was averaging a team-high 15.4 points per game at the time of her injury and despite playing in just one-third of the games this year, she is still third on the team with 39 assists this season.

She produced the exact type of numbers a team could want from a point guard and was regarded by mul-

tiples coaches in the conference as being either the best or second-best point guard in the OVC in the pre-season.

Lennox plays with a reckless abandon that should be both feared and admired by her peers. The one thing about Lennox's game that is evident from the second she steps on the court is how she always seems to have the accelerator pressed against the floor for the entirety of games without ever seeing the tank reach empty.

What drives Lennox is her love for the game, something she says she has loved for a long time.

But she also draws her motivation from a desire to be the best basketball player she can be.

"You're not going to get better, you're not going to be the best you can be unless you push yourself every day, so that's just what I do," Lennox said.

Everything that happened on the court ran through Lennox, which meant when she went down, a lot of things had to change for the Panthers, coach Matt Bollant said.

"She just created so much and we were just a way better basketball team with her," Bollant said. "But we can't control that. So, let's control what we can control and help the other kids step up."

Her injury left the Panthers, who were 1-7 at the time, with a harsh reality to face. Their longest tenured player was out and the options to replace her were two relatively unproven freshmen guards. It was a situation that no team wants to find itself in, but nonetheless one that Eastern found itself in.

The players that replaced Lennox;

however, a combination of freshmen Karle Pace and Taylor Steele, along with sophomore Danielle Berry have played far better than expected in Lennox's absence.

Pace has scored 31-points in a game this season, a team-high, Steele has been the leading scorer all-around since taking over for Lennox and Berry has stepped up and performed well in a leadership role that was not expected of her at the beginning of the year.

While the three young guards performed well on the court, their former teammate "point guard" Grace Lennox quickly and without hesitation earned her off the court nickname among the players "coach" Grace Lennox.

Lennox says she has always been a major voice for the team, so nothing has changed in that sense for her, other than the fact that she says she has to communicate more on the court and be the "eyes" for the things coaches and players do not see on the court.

Bollant said he will look to "coach Grace" for thoughts and adjustments and will even have her rate the team's effort on a scale of 1-10, saying that for the players to hear they need to increase in effort from a peer rather than a coach carries a lot of power.

Bollant said in his 20 years as a coach, Lennox is about as "neat" of a kid he has ever had on his team.

"I tell her a lot that I am just so glad she is coming back and just the opportunity for me to be around her another year is exciting; she is an inspiration to be around," Bollant said.

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